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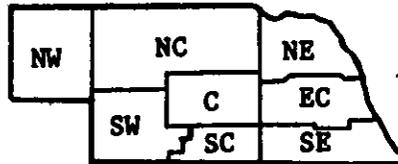
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WEATHER

The long-needed rain arrived midweek. A half inch to an inch and a half of rain was common across the State. Average temperatures ranged from four degrees below normal in the west to five degrees above normal in the east.

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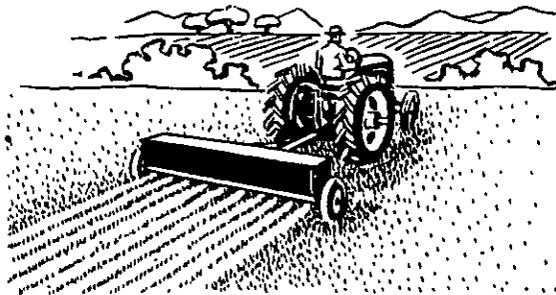
Much-needed moisture in the form of rain occurred during this past week. Additional snowfall in the Panhandle during the week added to the previous storm's snow cover. Despite the moisture received during the week and weekend, most areas were experiencing dry topsoils with adequate to good subsoil moisture being reported. Dry topsoil conditions have led to above normal wind erosion in most areas. Farm and ranch activities included small grain and CRP grass seedings, spring tillage, fertilizer and herbicide applications, as well as continued calving and livestock chores.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 41% fair, 57% good and 2% excellent. Moisture supplies improved statewide over the weekend, which will benefit the winter wheat crop. Due to the recent snowstorms in the Southwest and Panhandle, the wheat crop was reported to be behind schedule in breaking dormancy. Some instances of winterkill and overwintering of Russian wheat aphids were reported.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition rated average. Hay supplies were below average in the North Central and Central as late winter storms required more to be fed. Across the State, supplies of feed grains, hay and forage were reported as average. Spring calving and lambing continue with some problems occurring following the late winter storms in the West. Calving losses statewide this winter were reported as average to below average.

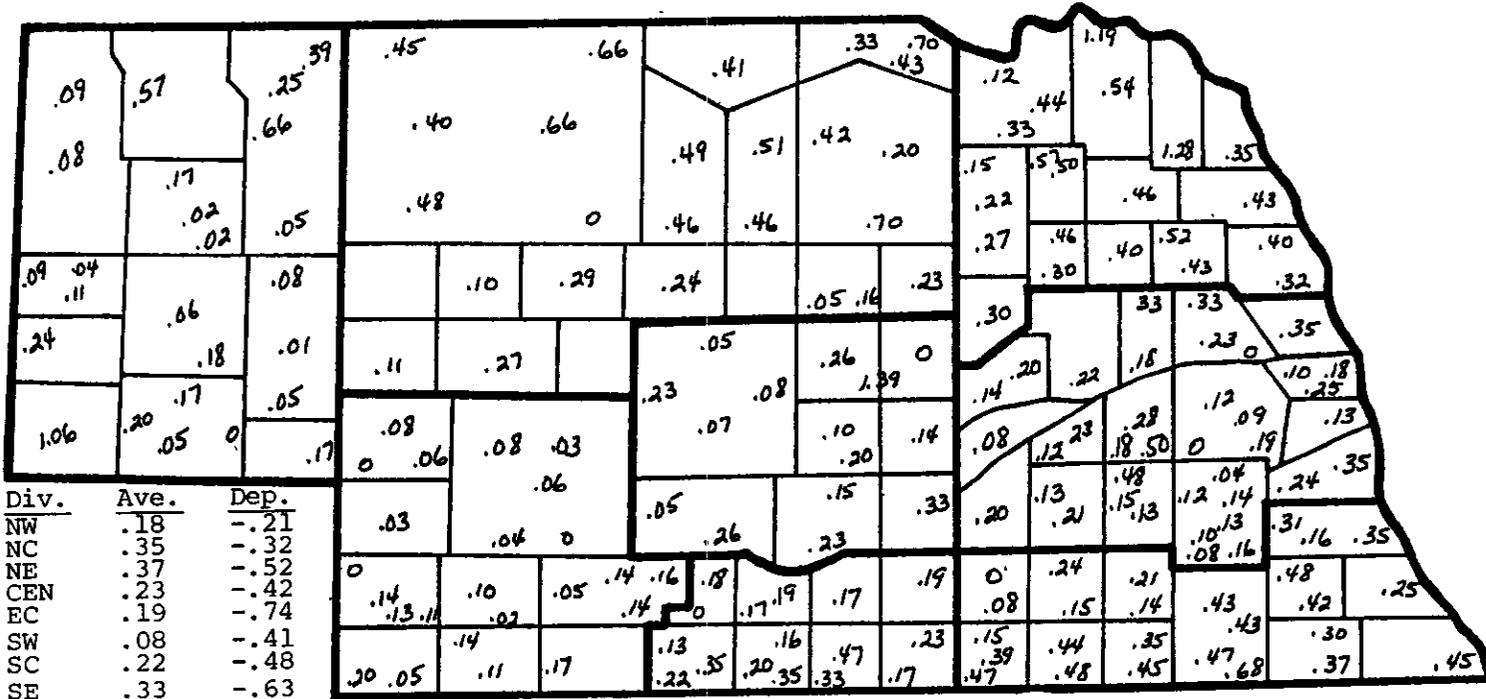


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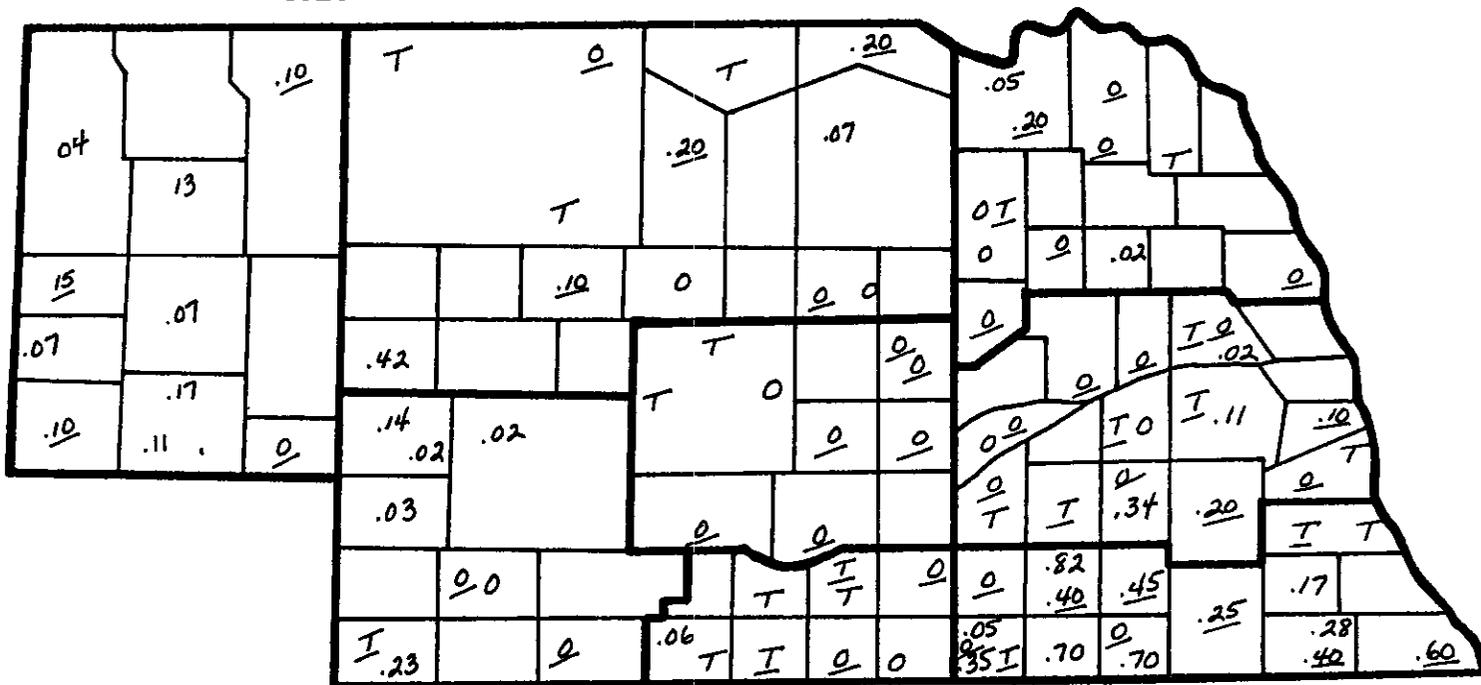
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1988 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1988

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			Total Inches 1/
NW Chadron	78	17	38	--	.03
Scottsbluff	75	14	36	-4	.09
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Ord	74	25	43	--	T
Valentine	77	15	39	+1	.59
NE Norfolk	64	29	46	+5	.90
Sioux City	65	27	46	+5	.93
CEN Grand Island	72	27	47	+4	1.13
EC Lincoln	66	26	47	+4	.85
Omaha	64	31	47	+5	.93
SW Imperial	56	17	35	--	--
North Platte	71	21	39	-2	1.62

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.